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Civil Rights Division

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530*

May 25, 2006

Chief Timothy R. Bellamy  
Greensboro Police Department  
300 West Washington Street  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27401

Dear Chief Bellamy:

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division enforces the federal criminal civil rights laws, including statutes prohibiting the willful abuse of authority by public officials when such abuse deprives individuals of liberties or rights protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States. We evaluate allegations of civil rights violations to determine whether the evidence and circumstances of the case warrant a federal criminal prosecution.

We received information that a former employee of your agency, David Wray, may have been involved in violating the civil rights of James Hinson. We recently completed our review of the results of the investigation provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine whether a federal criminal prosecution was warranted. After careful consideration, the Criminal Section and the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina have concluded that the evidence is not sufficient to establish a violation of the federal criminal civil rights statutes. Accordingly, we have closed our investigation.

The Department of Justice is dedicated to the enforcement of federal criminal civil rights statutes. We appreciate your cooperation in our shared responsibility to ensure the impartial and effective enforcement of our laws.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Kappelhoff  
Section Chief  
Criminal Section

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